(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) This Ministry at present has no proposal under consideration to formulate any special scheme to metal all the kacha roads in Almora and Pithoragarh districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Desalinate Plants

4212. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have procured some Reverse Osmosis Desalination Plants manufactured with foreign collaboration under Technical Mission for converting alkaline water into fresh water;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the names of the States in which the said plants have been installed/proposed to be installed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Visit of Foreign Diplomats

4213. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA :
SHRI PINAKI MISRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a team of Europeon and other ambassadors paid a visit to Doda and other militancy affected areas of J&K to study the situation following mass killings in post Lok Sabha Election period this year;

(b) if so, the findings thereof and the Government's independent assessment;

(c) whether there was mass exodus from the militancy affected areas in that period; and

(d) if so, whether the displaced persons have since returned to their homes, indicating the steps taken by the Government to restore normalcy there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) :(a) A team of Ambassadors of the Europeon Union visited Jammu & Kashmir between 12 to 15 June, 1996. During the visit they had discussions with State Government officials and representatives of various parties and groups in the State. The Ambassadors did not visit Doda nor was the visit related to any specific incidents of mass killings, etc.

(b) No reports area given to the Government by such dignitaries on visits of this nature. In the opinion of the Government, although the level of violence still remains high, there is a distinct and perceptible improvement in the overall security environment in State.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Overbridge at Mehar.

4214. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an overbridge in place of Railway crossing at Mehar on National Highway No. 7 under Satna district; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a)There is no provision to construct an overvridge in place of Railway crossing at Mehar on National Highway No. 7 in the Annual Plan 1996-97. The Eighth Five Year Plan also did not have any provision for this Railway Over Bridge.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Allocation of funds

4215. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) the amount sanctioned by the State Government for the water supply schemes for Allahabad city areas during the past five years;

(b) the names of the schemes which have been started during the above period and the estimated cost of each;

(c) the names of the schemes which have been completed and the names of those which have not been completed and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of schemes, whose funds have been diverted for other heads and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.